

27th May, Mullsaud General.—MULCHER & Co.

May 31, Bando, New, str. 771, Pelletier & Co., 29th May, Coals.—WILKES & Co.

May 31, KEONGWAI, British str. 1,114, F. Unsworth, Koko-chang 29th May, Rice and Teakwood.—YUEN FAY HONG.

May 31, WHAMPOA, British str. 1,319, J. Vaughan, Canton 31st May, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

CLEARANCES.  
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
31ST MAY.

Frej, Danish str. for Hoihow.

Pakling, British str. for Shanghai.

*Yucca Christensen*, Norw. str. for Saigon.  
*Tamarind*, Norw. str. for Hilo.  
*Antenor*, British str. for Singapore.  
*Iqemmoon*, German str., for Shanghai.  
*Sultberg*, German str., for Chifoo.  
*Poochow*, British str., for Ningpo.  
*Chiyuen*, Chinese str. for Swatow.

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DEPARTURES.

May 31, *ATLANTIC*, German bark, for Rajin.  
 May 31, *ANTENOR*, British str. for London.  
 May 31, *CHIYUEN*, Chinese str. for Swatow.

**PASSING GIGS.**

ARRIVED.

Por. Auzon, str., from Bremen, Sc.—Mr.  
Mrs. Porter, Dr. and Miss Godfrey.—Mr.  
Capt. Lyon, str., from Bremen, Sc.—  
Marston, Olan, Chan Hei Shan, P. Power,  
C. Jarvis, W. Copey, Man Chung We, J.  
Giles, and W. Bagg.

DEPARTED.

Williams, Admiral v. Diedericks, Miss Weiper  
Mr. Suck, Capt. Brekko and family, Miss For-  
ter, Mrs. and Mrs. Reid, Messrs. Wibbel, Sal-  
Schnee, Wailland, Edgell, Stahlborn, De-  
Witt, and Mrs. Schmitt.—  
Mrs. Augustsen, Messrs. Kamzawa, Fede-  
Ford, Wood, Weaning, Stetley, Burwei, Eac-  
haus, and Sabbino Eugenio.

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—Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Butler      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "  
      heim      "      McAllister  
—Mr. Hart Buck      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "  
—Mr. J. T. Christie      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "  
—Mr. G. C. Chapman      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "      "  
—Mr. Charles Owen      "      H. F. Montgomery

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Mr. David Gubler	Capt. A. Tillet

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pley	Young
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**VESSELS IN DOCK.**

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 Meeting of **Zetland Lodge,** 9 p.m.

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## DEATH.

At the Occidental Hotel, San Francisco, Cal., on  
30th April, 1897, H. H. BROWN, for many  
years resident at No. 2, Blyth, Yokohama.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 1st, 1897.

The purchase of the Mount Austin Hotel  
by the War Office and the prospective  
acquisition of the whole of Victoria Peak  
for military purposes materially limits the  
residential area available for the civilian  
community in the Hill District. There can,  
however, be no doubt as to the wisdom dis-  
played by the military authorities in this  
matter. Not only does Victoria Peak afford  
the healthiest site for barracks that could be  
found in the whole colony, but it is also the  
most advantageous military position, ad-  
mitting of the troops being speedily brought  
into action either on the north or south side  
of the island in circumstances might require.  
It is probable, therefore, that in course of time  
the bulk of the garrison will be located there,  
communication with the town being facili-  
tated by another Peak railway, constructed  
and operated by the military for military  
use only, as the capacity of the existing  
tramway is insufficient for the conveyance  
of troops in addition to the ordinary traffic.  
The expenditure incurred in the purchase  
of Mount Austin Hotel and to be incurred  
in the purchase of other property in the  
immediate neighbourhood will presumably be  
divided between the Imperial Government  
and the colony in the proportion of two-  
thirds by the former and one-third by the  
latter, in accordance with the principle laid  
down in the Secretary of State's despatch on  
barrack services dated 3rd April, 1895. This  
division applied specifically to an annexed  
schedule of barrack services set down as re-  
quired at that time, but it will no doubt be  
extended to the present case.Leaving the financial aspect of the question  
for future consideration, however, we  
are for the moment more particularly con-  
cerned with the effect of the change on the  
European community living at the Peak  
during the summer months or all the year  
round. The Mount Austin Hotel remains  
available for the present season, but next

doubt take advantage by materially ad-  
vancing rents, which are already high,  
the accommodation being insufficient even for  
present requirements. And unfortunately  
all or nearly all of the more accessible sites  
are already occupied. True, there are now  
sites to be found by going further afield,  
but the time occupied in getting to them  
and the trouble and expense of daily commu-  
tation render them under present conditions  
practically unavailable. Here the Govern-  
ment might very well step in and afford  
relief by means of improved road com-  
munication. If the proposed road from  
Plantation Road Station to Magazine Gap  
were made the latter district would be  
much more largely used for residence,  
and if in addition to this the road pro-  
posed by General BLACK from Wanchai  
Gap to Woonickong Gap were carried out  
a large number of very eligible  
building sites would be opened up.

A prejudice against Magazine Gap exists  
on account of the fever which has prevailed  
in some of the houses there, but on the other  
hand houses may be found in the locality  
which are amongst the healthiest in the  
colony, and the crest and northern slope of the  
hill are entirely beyond suspicion. The mi-  
laria which seems to haunt some of the other  
houses is perhaps difficult to account for,  
but it may be laid down as an axiom  
that houses in Hongkong which are shut  
off by overshadowing hills from the  
eastern breeze and the morning sun,  
and other things being equal, less healthy  
than those in which the contrary condition  
prevails. Dr. DORRANCE in one of his reports  
wrote:—"Hongkong is situated within the  
region of the north-east trade, which  
further out in the Pacific reigns supreme  
all the year round, but under the influence  
of the Asiatic continent an annual varia-  
tion of the direction of the wind originates."  
During the winter the direction of the  
monsoon coincides with that of the trade,  
and we find—during seven  
months of the year (from September to  
March inclusive) the mean direction of  
the wind is from east or north of east.  
During the other five months the direction  
is south of east, but the easterly direction  
predominates over the westerly except  
during one month, August, when the  
"direction is south by west." Hence  
the importance of selecting for dwelling  
houses sites that are open to the easterly  
breeze. The question of exposure to the  
morning sun is probably scarcely less im-  
portant. Any one looking down from the  
Peak in the early morning will see parts of  
the town standing out in a bright and clear  
atmosphere, while the parts in shadow re-  
main clothed in a thick mist. As the latter  
are those in which fever is more or less pre-  
valent it is reasonable to suppose that the  
morning mist may be the cause. There is  
no difference in the soil that could account  
for the western district being less healthy  
than the eastern, and we are there-  
fore driven to seek the explanation in the  
aspect, which, as we have seen, accounts for  
the longer or shorter duration of the morning  
mist. If the same principle be applied  
to Magazine Gap the unhealthiness of some  
of the houses there will be completely ac-  
counted for. In building either at the  
Peak or on the lower levels therefore an  
easterly aspect ought to be sought for.

H.M.S. *Narcissus* leaves this morning for  
the North.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer *Poseidon* left  
Kobe for this port yesterday morning.

There were 2,263 visitors to the City Hall  
Museum last week, of whom 171 were Euro-  
peans.

The Finance Committee of the Legislative  
Council yesterday voted a sum of \$750 in aid  
of the Government of the Colony in the  
provision of the vote and the Committee  
in passing it are able to be congratulated on a  
very sensible action.

His Excellency the Governor has kindly con-  
sented to present the prizes at the promenade  
concert to be held next Saturday evening at  
the headquarters of the Hongkong Volunteer  
Corps. A very creditable programme of music  
has been arranged and the full band of the  
West Yorkshire Regiment will be in attendance.

The wreck of the German steamer *Doria*,  
which recently sank on the North Western  
coast of Tasmania Island was sold by auction  
at Messrs. Holmes, Riggs & Co.'s office, Nagasaki,  
on the 28th May, for \$16,800. Capt. L. Kohl,  
of the German Consulate, acted as auctioneer.  
The bidding was slow and the operation lasted  
an entire hour. The ship eventually fell to  
Mr. R. H. Powers, who acted as broker for  
Japanese purchasers in Kobe.

The following interesting note appears in  
this week's edition of the Hongkong Volunteer  
Corps:—"The Commandant has the gratification  
of informing the officers, non-commissioned  
officers, and men of the Corps that he has  
received a letter from Colonel H. Eldred,  
C.B.E., who commanded the troops at the  
parade held on the 24th instant in connection  
with the Government's Birthday. In it there is  
the following paragraph:—"I have much  
pleasure in recording that I consider the Volun-  
teers made a most creditable show. Should  
you care to publish a complimentary order in  
this effect, and to thank the Corps for their  
excellent conduct on the occasion, I shall be very  
pleased that you should do so."

The Hon. A. M. Thomson, Postmaster-  
General, in his annual report laid on the table  
of the Legislative Council yesterday, says:—  
"The work of the Post Office has so largely in-  
creased in recent years that the present accom-  
modation is not sufficient to permit of its being  
satisfactorily performed. Delivery of mails is  
often delayed on account of the necessity of  
dealing, in the first instance, with those des-  
tined for the Office. The opening of the  
Legislative Council gave very little relief to the  
general work, the advantage gained being  
that parcels and registered letters are now dealt  
with in a proper manner. In my opinion the  
only remedy to have an office of sufficient size  
to permit of two separate contiguous establish-  
ments, one for outgoing and the other for in-  
coming mails."

A thief who was arrested on Saturday night  
at Shaukiwan made two determined attempts  
to commit suicide, his actions being somewhat  
extraordinary. He cut out a man's trousers  
in a shop and was about to take away a  
purse containing \$8 when he was captured.  
After being taken to his cell he attempted to  
hang himself by firing his gun round his neck  
and then to stab in the window. Fortunately  
the Inspector who saw him and removed him  
was handcuffed, and the prisoner, who was  
handcuffed, suddenly sprang into the water.  
The thief struggled most violently on the  
surface, but was rescued by the police and  
laid down on the ground with the evident intention

of the J.P. steamer *Empress of China* arrived  
at Shaukiwan on Sunday, the 30th May, at  
noon, and left that port at 10 a.m. on Monday  
for Hongkong, where she is expected to arrive  
to-morrow, at 6 p.m.

For the *Courier d'Hongkong* we learn that  
news has been received that Mr. Bremer, chief  
of the Lyons Commission, has not been able to  
follow the itinerary he had intended, in conse-  
quence of the illness of his wife. The  
members of the Commission in London are  
anxious, as they do not know where Mr. Bremer  
is, and they are unable to find him.

We notice that Mr. A. Noel Blackman, for-  
merly chief reporter on the staff of this paper  
and for some time Secretary of the Hongkong  
Chamber of Commerce and Secretary to the  
unfortunate Indo-Chinese Bank Company, was  
found at the parade at the dedication of  
the tomb of General Grant in New York.  
His portrait appears in the *San Francisco*  
*Chronicle* of 29th April.

Free industries are springing up all the time  
in Shanghai since the war, notwithstanding the  
fact that people who emigrated during the  
war have returned, and the total population of the  
city is now estimated at 1,000,000. A second oil  
refinery is being built and it will not only  
supply the local market but will also supply  
the Chinese market. The land and buildings  
have been purchased and the machinery is on  
the way out—*Union*.

The captain of a steamer lately across from  
Japan furnishes us with an object lesson that  
should be appreciated by those who may feel  
inclined to belittle the warlike spirit of the  
Japanese. He was on a certain steamer, and  
when the celebration was being held and he was  
greatly surprised to see hundreds of children,  
boys and girls, being drilled in military tactics.  
The older children, perhaps about 15 years of  
age, had more serious weapons, while the  
younger ones had smaller weapons and others  
were armed with sticks. They were drilled in the  
German style and showed great proficiency. Surely  
this is a sign of things to come. The Japanese  
are not only a warlike people, but they are  
also a very intelligent people.

## LATEST TELEGRAMS.

FROM TONKIN PAPERS.

## THE JEWS AND THE CYCISTS.

PARIS, 22nd May.

Anti-Semitic troubles have occurred at En-  
taguam and Oron in consequence of an attack  
made by Jews upon cyclists. A number of  
shoes were pilloled.

PARIS, 25th May.

The anti-Jewish agitation in Algeria is  
subsiding.

## THE BRITISH IN MADAGASCAR.

PARIS, 24th May.

Great Britain has consented to place British  
subjects in Madagascar under French jurisdic-  
tion.

## FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

PARIS, 24th May.

The Car has sent cables to M. Pans for  
distribution to those who rendered assistance  
at the recent Chateaux Bazaar disaster.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE  
COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative  
Council was held at the Council Chamber yes-  
terday afternoon, the 29th inst.

THE EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR  
WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.

HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL BLACK,  
O.B. (Officer Commanding the Forces).  
Hon. J. H. STURGEON, M.C. (Colonial  
Secretary).

Hon. W. M. GOODMAN (Attorney-General).  
Hon. T. SCROBBERIE SMYTH (Colonial  
Treasurer).

Hon. H. MAY (Captain Superintendent  
of Police).

Hon. R. MURRAY RUMSEY (Harbour  
Master).

Hon. W. CHATMAN (Acting Director of  
Public Works).

Hon. C. P. CLARKE.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD, C.M.G.

Hon. H. K. HO.

Hon. W. A. YU.

Mr. J. G. T. BUCKLE (Clerk of Council).

The minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.

SHIPPING DUES AND SHIPPING  
EXPENDITURE.

The Colonial Secretary—I am instructed  
by His Excellency the Governor to make the  
following statement to the members of the  
Council:—The Finance Committee members  
will remember that not long ago there was laid  
on the Council table a despatch from the Sec-  
retary of State on the subject of light dues.  
At receipt of that despatch, His Excellency the  
Governor at once steps to have a return drawn up  
showing the expenditure incurred on account  
of shipping and the fees levied on shipping in  
this Colony. The Governor has received a  
reply from the Secretary of State, and the  
Colonial Secretary is instructed to lay it on the  
table of the Council. It is a despatch from the  
Colonial Secretary to the Governor, and it is  
entirely in accordance with the views of the  
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## FINANCE.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary,  
Financial Member No. 13, moved, that the  
Finance Committee and the report of the  
Finance Committee (No. 2) be adopted.

## PAPEES.

The Colonial Secretary laid the following  
papers on the table:—The report of the Har-  
bour Master for 1896, the report of the Post-Master-  
General for 1896, and the medical report on the  
prevalence of bubonic plague in the colony  
during the year ending 31st December, 1896.

## COAST GUARDIANSHIP.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD gave notice of the  
following question:—In view of Your Excel-  
lency having received several applications for  
an increase of salary from officers in the service  
of the Government, and in view of the fact  
that a Committee for consideration and  
report will be appointed to consider the  
statement showing the total cost of ex-  
penditure on the administration of the Govern-  
ment, including police, harbour, and other  
expenses, and all other allowances, during the  
years 1895 and 1896 separately?

## THE LATELY ORDINANCE.

The Attorney-General moved the hon-  
ourable member to move a second reading of the  
Bill entitled an Ordinance to enable the Govern-  
ment to provide suitable labour accommodation  
for the public. The object and reasons are  
as follows:—The circumstances of this colony  
are, in some respects, exceptional and, in certain  
localities, public labour is absolutely neces-  
sary, and is especially required for the use of  
the main trunk line of the railway. The hon-  
ourable member has shown that the number of  
public labourers is at present insufficient to  
satisfactorily meet such requirements, and the  
object of this Bill is to facilitate the erection  
of the Government of public labour accommodation  
at such sites as are not objectionable or may be  
approved by the Legislative Council after con-  
sideration of any objections. The Government  
will be enabled to move a Bill to amend the  
Ordinance which was passed under this Ordinance,  
as proposed by it under the control and man-  
agement of the Sanitary Board and it will be the  
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